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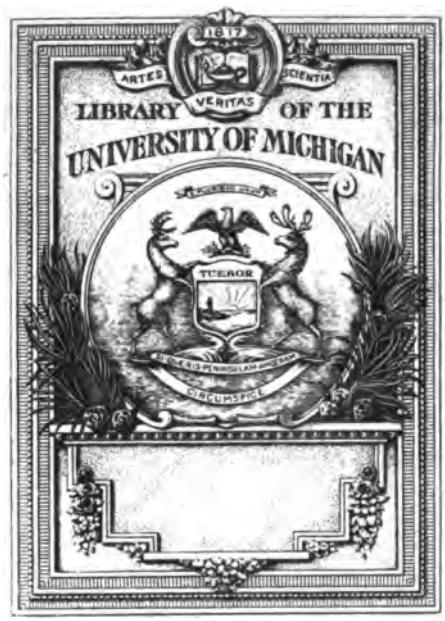
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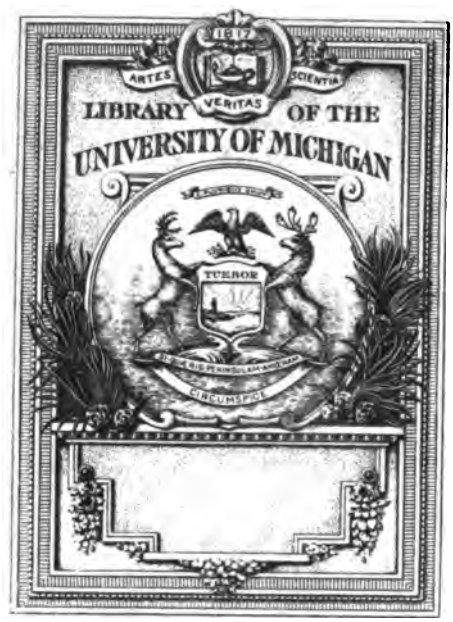
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Einleitung.

Während meines Aufenthalts in London und Oxford (1883) beschäftigte ich mich unter anderem auch mit den verschiedenen Handschriften des mittelenglischen Gedichtes: *The Sege of Jerusalem.* Die beste Fassung enthält zweifellos (wie auch Dr. Ferdinand Kopka in seiner Inaugural-Dissertation: »The Destruction of Jerusalem, ein mittelenglisches, alliterierendes Gedicht. Einleitung. Breslau 1887« sehr geschickt nachgewiesen hat) das Bodl. Ms. Laud. F. 22 (656). Wie mir Dr. Furnivall, der Direktor der Early English Text Society in London, mitzuteilen die Güte hatte, ist dieses Gedicht, obgleich es schon seit Jahren auf der Liste der genannten Gesellschaft steht, noch nicht im Druck erschienen. Ich benutze daher das diesjährige Programm unserer Anstalt zur Veröffentlichung desselben.

Laud. F. 22 (656) ist eine Oxforder Pergamenthandschrift des 15. Jahrhunderts. In dieser Hs. nimmt unser Gedicht Fol. 1a—19 ein. Das ganze Gedicht umfasst 1332 alliterierende Langverse. Es ist in vier Abschnitte geteilt, die durch rote Anfangsbuchstaben kenntlich gemacht sind und auch dem Inhalte nach sich gut von einander scheiden. Der erste Abschnitt führt die Geschichte bis zur Schilderung der Schlachtordnung der Römer im Thale Josaphat. Er schliesst mit v. 438: *now bleſſe vs our lorde.* Der zweite Abschnitt beginnt mit der Schilderung der Kriegsrüstung der Juden, die zum Angriff gegen die Römer aus der Stadt ziehen und reicht bis zum Entschluss des Vespasian, die Stadt durch Hunger zu bezwingen (bis v. 888: *and god gyue vs grace*). Der dritte Abschnitt beginnt mit der Erzählung der Geschichte der römischen Kaiser Nero, Galba, Otho, Vitellius, und berichtet zum Schluss, dass die Juden durch einen unterirdischen Gang einen Ausfall zu machen beschliessen (bis v. 1104: *and god gyue vs joye*). Der vierte Abschnitt erzählt diesen Ausfall, der abgeschlagen wird, und schliesst mit der Eroberung der Stadt und der Zerstörung des Tempels. Die Juden werden als Sklaven in alle Länder verkauft und zwar immer je 30 für einen Pfennig, und die Römer ziehen, nachdem der Zweck ihres Kriegszuges (Bestrafung der Mörder Christi) erfüllt ist, fröhlich in ihr Vaterland zurück (bis v. 1332: *now rede ous our lord*). Im Übrigen verweise ich auf die schon oben erwähnte Dissertation, die leider wie so viele andere bis jetzt noch keine Fortsetzung erfahren hat. Ich stimme mit dem geehrten Herrn Verfasser in allen wichtigen Punkten, die Zählung der Verse im Laud. Ms. ausgenommen, vollständig überein.

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In tyberius tyme · þe trewe empoʳ
sir seſar hȳ sulf · sayſed in rome
whyle pylat was puoſt · vnder þᵗ pᵉnce riche
& jewen iuſtice also · ī judens londis
herodes vnder hˢ empie · as heritage wolde
Kyng of galile was ycalled · whan þᵗ cᵉſt deyed
þey seſar sakles wer · þᵗ oft sȳne hatide
þrow pylat pyned he was · & put on þe rode
apyler pyȝt was doū · vpon þe playn erþe
hˢ body bonden þᵉ to · beten wᵗ scourgis
whyppes of quyrboyle · by wente hˢ white sides
Til he al on rede blode ran · as rayn on þe ſtrete
suþ ſtoked hȳ on a ſtole · wᵗ ſtyf mānes hondis
blyndfelled hȳ as a be · & boffetis hȳ raȝte
ȝif þᵘ be pphete of pᵉs · pphecie þey sayde
whiche mā her aboute · bolled þe laſte
A þrange þornē croune · was þraſte on hˢ hed
vmbe caſten hȳ wᵗ a cry · & on a croys slowen
for al þe harme þᵗ he hadde · haſted he noȝt
On hē þe vyleny to venge · þᵗ hˢ veynys broſten
bot ay taried on þe tyme · ȝif þey toʳne wolde
ȝaf hē space þᵗ hȳ ſpilide · þey hᵗ spedde lyte
xl wyntᵉ was as y fynde · & no fewer ȝyrys.
oʳ pᵉnces pᵉſed ī hē · þᵗ hȳ to pyne wroȝt
Til hᵗ tydde on a tyme · þᵗ tyt⁹ of rome
þᵗ alle gaſtoyne gatē · & gyan þe noble
whyle noye noyet hȳ · īto neroes tyme
he hadde a malady · vnmeke a myd þe face
þe lyppe lyþon a lūpe · lyuered on þe cheke
so a canker vnclene · hᵗ clocched to gedres
alſo hˢ fader of fleſche · is ferty bytide
Abiker of waſpen bees · bredde on hˢ noſe
Hyued vpon hˢ hed · he hadde hē of ȝouþe
And Waſpaſian was caled · þe waſpene bees aftᵉ
Was neū syknes sorer · þā þˢ sir þoled
for ī a alitᵉ he lay · laſer at rome
out of galace was gon · to glade hȳ a ſtounde
for ī þᵗ cuþe he was Kyng · þey he car þolede
Nas þᵉ no leche vpon lyue · þˢ lordes couþ helpe
Ne no gᵘce growyng · to gayne her grym sores
Now was þᵉ on nothan · neymes sone of grecys
þᵗ souȝt oft oū þe se · fᵘm cyte to oþᵉ
knewe contreys fele · kyngdomes manye
& was a mareñ myche · & marchaunt boþe
senſtens oᵗ of surye · sent hȳ to rome
To þe athel epoʳ · an eraunde fᵘm þe jewes
caled nero by name · þᵗ hȳ to noye wroȝt
of hˢ tᵉbute to telle · pᵗ þey wᵗ take wolde
Nathan toward nero · nome on hˢ way
Oū þe grekys gᵒunde · myd þe grym yþes
An heye setteþ þe sayl · oū þe wode watᵉ
& wᵗ a dromoūd on þe deepe · drof on faſte
þe wolcom wāned a nō · & þe watᵉ skeweþ
Cloudes clateren gon · as þey cleue wolde
þe racke myd arede wynde · roos on þe myddel
& sone sette on þe se · oᵗ of þe souþ syde
blewe on þe brode se · bolued vp harde
Nathānys naue a nō · on norþ dryneþ
so þe wedoʳ & þe wynd · on þe watᵉ metyn
þᵗ alle hurtled on an hepe · þᵗ þe helm zemyd
Nathan flatte for ferde · & ful vnder hacchys
let þe wedoʳ & þe wynde · worþe hᵗ lyked
þe schip scher vpon schore · schot froward rome
Toward vncouþ coſtes · karᵉieþ þe yþes
Rapis vnradly · vmbe ragged toʳres
þe brode sayt at o brayd · to breſteþ a twynne
That on ende of þe ſſchip · was ay toward heuē
þᵗ oþᵉ doū in þe deep · as alle drenche wolde
wᵗ mychel langoʳ atte laſte · as oʳ lord wolde
alle was born at a by · to burdewes hauene
by þᵗ wer bernes atte banke · barōns & knyȝtes
& suþ of þe syȝt · selcouþ þoȝt
þᵗ eū barge oþᵉ bot · or berne vpon lyue
vnperſched paſſed hatte · þe pyles wer so many
they token hȳ to titus · for he þe tonge couþe
& he fraynes how fer · þe flode hadde yferked
Sir out of ſurre · he seide · y am come
To nero sondiſmā · sent þe ſenatoʳ of rome
ffᵘm senſtens hˢ sᵘiant · wᵗ cᵉtayn leteᵉs
þᵗ is iuſtiſe & iuge · of jewen lawe

Me wer leſ̃ at þ^{t} londe · lord leue þ^{t} y wer
þā alle þe gold oþ^{e} good · þ^{t} eſ̃ god made
The kyng in to 9ſeyl · calleþ hȳ sone
& saide cauſte p^{u} any cur · or craft vpon erþe
To softe þe g^{e}te sore · þ^{t} sitteþ on my cheke
& y schal þe redly rewarde · & to rome sende
Nathan nyckes hȳ w^{t} nay · sayde he nō couþe
Bot wer þ^{u} kyng ī þ^{t} kuþþe · þ^{e} þ^{t} c^{e}ſt deyed
þ^{e} is a wordlich wip · a wōmā ful clene
That haþ softyng & salue · for eche sore out
Telle me tyt χ titus · & the schal tyde bett^{e}
what medecyn is moſt · þ^{t} þat may vſeþ
wheþ^{e} gōmes oþ^{e} g^{u}ces · or any goode drenches
oþ^{e} chauntem̄tes or charmes · y charge þe to say
Nay nō of þe χ nathan · bot now wole y say
þ^{e} was a lede ī o^{v} londe · while he lif hadde
Preued for a þphete · þrow p^{e}yſed dedes
& born in bethleem · one by of a burde schene
& ȝo a mayde vnmarred · p^{t} neſ̃ mā touched
as clene as clef · þ^{e} c^{e}ſtalle sprynges
w^{t} o^{t} hoſebondes helpe · saue þe holy goſte
A kyng & a knaue child · ȝo 9ceyued at hir ere
A touche of þe t^{e}nyte · touched her hadde
þre pſones ī o place preued to gedres
Eche grayn is o god · & o god bot alle
& alle þre ben bot one · as eldres vs tellen
þe firſt is þe fader · þ^{t} fo^{v}med was neſ̃
þe þ^{e} is þe sone · of h^{s} sede growyn
The þ^{e}dde ī heuē myd hē · is þe holy goſte
Neþ^{e} merked ne made · bot mene f^{u}m hē paſſyþ
Alle ben þey endeles · & eſ̃ of o myȝt
& weren endeles eſ̃ · byfor þe world was bygone
As sone was þe sone · as þe self fader
þe holy goſte w^{t} hē · hadde þey eſ̃
The þ^{e} pſone þe sone · sent was to erþe
To take careynes kynde · of a clene mayde
& so vnknowen he came · caytifes to helpe
& wroȝt wondres y nowe ay · tille he wo driede
Wyne he wroȝt of wat^{e} · at o word ene
Ten laſares at a logge · he leched at enys
pyned myd piles · he putte to hele
& ded mē fro þe deþ · eche day he rered
Croked & cancred · he keuered hē alle
boþ þe dombe & þe deue · myd h^{s} der wordes
dide myracles many mo · þā y ī mȳde haue
Nis no clerk w^{t} coūto^{v}s · couþe alīedel rekene
fyf þouſand of folke · is fejr to here
w^{t} two fiſches he fedde · & fif ber loues
þ^{t} eche freke hadde h^{s} fulle · & ȝit fejre leued
of brede & of broke mete · baſcketes full twelue
þ^{e} ſuwed hȳ out of an cite · sixty & twey
To do what he dempt^{e} · diſciples wer hoten
hē to citees he sende · his sawes to p^{e}che
Ay by two & by two · til hy wer a twynne
Hȳ suwed o^{t} of anoþ^{e} cite · semelich twelue
Pore mē & noȝt þphete · aposteles wer hoten
þ^{t} of cayftes he ches · holy churche to encresche
þe o^{t}wale of þ^{s} worlde · þ^{s} wer h̄ names
Pet^{e} · james · & jon · & jacob þe ferþe
& þe fyfþe of h^{s} felawys · phelip was hoten
þe sixte symond was caled · & þe seueþ eke
Bertholomewe þat h^{s} bone · neſ̃ breke nolde
The eyȝt mā was mathu · þ^{t} is myche yloued
Tadde & tomas · her ben ten euen
& andreu þe elleueþ · þ^{t} auntred hȳ myche
Byfor p^{e}nces to p^{e}che · pet^{u}s broþ^{e}
þe laſte mā was vnlele · & luþ^{e} of h^{s} dedis
Judas þ^{t} jh̄u c^{e}ſt · to þe jewes solde
suþ hȳ sulf he slowe · for sorow of þ^{t} dede
h^{s} body on a balwe tree · to breſte on þe myddel
whā c^{e}ſt hadde heried helle · & was heuen paſſed
For þ^{t} māſed mā · mathie þey choſſyn
ȝit vnbaptiȝed wer boþe · barnabe & poule
& noȝt knewen of c^{e}ſt · bot comē sone aft^{e}
þe p^{e}nces & þe p^{e}lates · aȝen þe paſcke tyme
Alle þei hadde hȳ in hate · for h^{s} holy werkes
h^{t} was a doylful dede · whan þey h^{s} deþ caſte
þrow pilat pyned he was · þe þuoſt of rome
& þ^{t} worliche wif · þ^{t} arſt was ynempned
Haþ h^{s} viſage ī hir veil · veronyk zo hatte
peynted p^{e}uely & playn · þ^{t} no poynt wanteþ
for loue he left h^{t} hir · til hir lyues ende
þ^{e} is no gome ī þ^{s} erþe · þ^{t} is grym wo$\bar{u}$ded
Meſelry ne meſchef · ne mā vpon erþe
þ^{t} kneleþ do$\bar{u}$ to þ^{t} cloþ · & on c^{e}ſt leueþ
bot alle hapneþ to helle · m̄ & handwhyle
at rome reyned þe empo^{v} · χ þe kȳg riche þā
Ceſar sȳful wrecche · þ^{t} sent hȳ f^{u}m rome
why nadde þy lycam be leyd · low vnder erþe
whan pilat þuoſt was made · suche a p^{e}nce to jugge
& or þ^{s} wordes wer · wonne to þe ende
þe canker þ^{t} þe kyng hadde · clenly was heled
w^{t} o^{t} faute þe face · of fleſche & of hyde
as newe as þe nebbe · þ^{t} neſ̃ was wēmyd
A corteys c^{e}ſt · seide þe kyng riche þā
Was neſ̃ worke þ^{t} y wroȝt · worþy þe to telle
Ne dede þ^{t} y haue don · bot þy deþ mened
Ne neſ̃ sey þe in siȝt · goddis sone der
bot now bayne me my bone · bleſſed lord
To ſtire nero w^{t} noye · & newen h^{s} sorowe

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& y schal buſke me boū · hē bale to wyrche
To do þe deueles of dawe · & þy deþ venge
Telle me tit ȝ tit^{9} · what tokne he lafte
To hē þ^{t} knew hȳ for c^{e}ſt · & h^{s} crafte leued
Nempne þe t^{e}nyte by name · ȝ nathan at þries
& þ^{e} myd, baptemed be · in bleſſed wat^{e}
forþ þey fetten a font · & foulled hȳ þ^{e}
made hȳ c^{e}ſten kyng · þ^{t} for c^{e}ſt werred
corrours ī to eche coſte · þā þe cours nomen
& alle h^{s} baronage brezt · to burdewes hauen
suþ w^{t} þe sondeſmā · he þouȝt to rome
þe ferly & þe fair cure · h^{s} fader to schewe
& he gronnand glad · grete god þanked
& loude c^{e}ande on c^{e}ſt · carped & saide
worþy wemleſe god · in whom y byleue
& þ^{u} ī bethleem was born · of a bryȝt mayde
sende me hele of my hurt · & heyly y a fowe
To be ded for þy deþ · bot h^{t} be der ȝolden
þ^{t} tyme pet^{e} was pope · & p^{e}ched ī rome
þe lawe & þe lore · þ^{t} o^{v} byleue aſkeþ
folowed faſte on þe folke · & to fayþ to^{v}ned
& c^{e}ſt wroȝt for þ^{t} wye · wondres ynow
þ^{e} of waſpaſian was war · þ^{t} þe waſpys hadde
sone sendeþ hȳ to · & þe soþe tolde
of c^{e}ſt & þe kerchef · þ^{t} keuered þe sike
as nathan neymes sone seide · þ^{t} to nero was come
þā to cōſayl was called · þe knyȝtes of rome
& affenteden sone · to sende meſſages
w^{t} knyȝtes wer cud · þe clergyf to fecche
& aſked trewes of þe empo^{v} · þ^{t} erand to done
ac w^{t} o^{t} t^{e}bute or trewes · tenfulle wyes
þe knyȝtes w^{t} þe kerchef · comē ful blyue
þe pope ȝaf þdoū to hē · þ^{t} paſſed þ^{e} aȝens
w^{t} þceſſiōn & p^{e}s · p^{e}nces & dukes
& whan þe wōmā was war · þ^{t} þe wede owede
To seint pet^{e} þe pope · ȝo platte to þe g^{o}unde
vmbe felde h^{s} fete · & to þe freke saide
of þ^{s} kerchef & my cors · þe kepyng y þe take
þan bygan þe burne · bit^{e}ly to wepe
for þe doylful deþ · of h^{s} der mayſt^{e}
& longe ſtode in þe ſtede · or he ſtynte myȝt
whan he vncloſed þe cloþe · þ^{t} c^{e}ſtſ body touched
þe wede f^{u}m þe wōmā · þey warpen atte lafte
Receyued h^{t} myd reſence · & rēuande teris
out of þe place · myd p^{e}s · þey paſſed on swyþe
& ay held h^{t} on hey · þ^{t} alle byhold myȝt
þan xij baroūs bolde · þe empo^{v} bade wende
& þe pope depte · f^{u}m þe pople faſte
veronyk & þe vail · waſpaſian þey broȝt
& seint pet^{e} þe pope · p^{e}ſented boþe
bot a ferly byfelle · forþ myd hē alle
jn her tēple bytidde · tenful þynges
þe mahomid & þe mametes · to mortled to peces
& al to c^{u}ſed as þe cloþ · þroȝ þe kirke paſſed
jnto þe palice w^{t} þe p^{e}nce · þā þe pope ȝede
knyȝtes kepten þe cloþe · & on knees fallen
a flauo^{v} flambeþ þ^{e} fro · þey felleden h^{t} alle
was neſ odo^{v} ne eyr · vpon erþe swett^{e}
þe kerchef clauſed h^{t} self · & so cler wexed
Myȝt no lede on h^{t} loke · for liȝt þ^{t} h^{t} schewed
as h^{t} apched to þe p^{e}nce · he put vp h^{s} hed
for cōfort of þe cloþ · he c^{e}ed wel loude
lo lordlynges her · þe lykneſſe of c^{e}ſt
of whom my botnyng ybidde · for h^{s} bitt^{e} woūdis
þā was wepyng & wo · & wryngyng of hondis
w^{t} loude dyn & dit · for doil of hȳ one
þe pope availed þe vaile · & h^{s} viſage touched
þe body suþ al aboute · bleſſed h^{t} þrye
þe waſpys wentē a way · & alle þe wo aft^{e}
þ^{t} er laſar was longe · lyȝtt^{e} was neſe
þā was pypyng & play · h^{s} pyne was a wey
þey ȝelden g^{u}ce to god · þ^{s} two g^{e}te lordes
þe kerchef carieþ f^{u}m alle · & ī þe eyr hangyþ
þ^{t} þe sȳple pople myȝt h^{t} se · ī tc soþ tyme
þe veronycle aft^{e} veronyk · waſpaſian h^{t} called
Garde h^{t} gayly agyſen · in gold & ī selſe
ȝit is þe viſage ī þe vail · as veronyk hȳ broȝt
þe romaynes h^{t} holdeþ at rome · & for a relyk h^{t} holden
þ^{s} whyle nero hadde noye · & nō nyȝtes reſte
for h^{s} t^{e}bute was w^{t}hold · as nathan told hadde
he cōmaūdiþ knyȝtes to come · cōsail to holde
Erles & alle mē · þe empo^{v} aboute
Aſſembled þe senato^{v}s · sone vpon haſte
To iugge who jewes myȝt beſt · vpon þe jewys take
& alle demeden by dome · þo dukes to wende
þ^{t} wer cured þrow c^{e}ſt · þ^{t} þey on croys slowen
þ^{t} on waſpaſian was · of þe wyes twey
þ^{t} þe t^{u}nail vndertoke · & tit^{e} an oþ^{e}
A bold burne on a blonke · & of h^{s} body comyn
No ferþ^{e} sib to hȳ self · bot h^{s} sone der
crouned kynges boþe · & mychel c^{e}ſt loued
þ^{t} hadde hē ȝeuē of h^{s} g^{u}ce · & her grem ſt^{o}yed
moſte þei hadde h^{t} ī hert · her heſtes to kepe
& her forwardis to fulfille · þ^{t} þei byfor made
þan was rotlyng ī rome · rebbyng of brȳnyis
Schewyng of sharpe · scheldes y dreſſed
lauȝte leue at þ^{t} lord · leſten h^{s} sygne
A g^{e}te dragōn of gold · & alle þe kyng folwed
By þ^{t} schippis wer ſchred · y ſchot on þe depe
Takled & a tired · on talterande yþes

ffreſch watᵉ & wyn · woūden þu faſte
& ſtof of alle mañ store · þᵗ hē ſtrengþe scholde
þᵉ wer floynes a flot · farcoſtes many
Cogges & crayers · y caſteled alle
galees of grete ſtreyngþe · wᵗ golden fanes
sprad on þe brod se · a boute four myle
þey tyȝten vp talſail · whā þe tide aſked
hadde byr at þe bake · & þe bonke lefte
souȝte oū þe se · wᵗ ſondeours manye
& ryued vp at port jaf · in judeis londys
suree ceſaris londe · þᵘ may seken eū
ful mychel wo mē bewroȝte · þe · ī þy blonke toūnes
Cytees vnder sene · now is ȝoᵛ ſorow vppe
þe deþ of þe dere worþ cᵉſt · der schal be ȝolden
Now is bethleem þy boſt · ybroȝt to an ende
Jerīm & ierico · for juggyd wrecchys
Schal neū kyng of ȝoᵛ kynde · wᵗ croune be ynoyntid
Ne jewe for jħc sake · ronke ī ȝoᵛ more
þey setten vpon eche ſide · surrie wᵗyn
brente ay at þe bak · & fut bar laften
was noȝt bot roryng & rich · ī alle þe riche toūnes
& red laſchyng lye · alle þe londe ouer
Token toū & tour · & teldes ful fele
broſten ȝates of braſſ · & many borwe wōnen
Holy þe heþen here · hewyn to gᵒunde
Boþ ī bent & ī borwe · þᵗ a bide wolde
þe jewes to ierīm · þᵗ josophus dwelde
Flowen as þe foule deþ · þᵗ fancoū wolde ſtrike
A cite vnder syon · ſett was ful noble
wᵗ many a toret & tour · þᵗ toū to defende
pᵉnces & pᵉlates · & poreil of þe londe
clerkes & cōēs · of cōtrees a boute
wer schacked to þᵗ cite · sacᵉfice to make
At paſke tyme as pᵉched hē · pᵉſtes of þe lawe
Many swykel at þe ſweng · to þe swerd ȝede
for penyes paſſed nō · þoȝ he pay wolde
bot diden alle to þe deþe · & drewen hē aftᵉ
wᵗ engynes to ierīm · þer jewes wer þykke
þey ſette sadly a sege · þę cite alle aboute
piȝten panelones doū · of pallen webbes
wᵗ ropis of riche silk · rayſen vp ſwyþe
grete tentis as a toū · of torken cloþys
Thoppyn oū þe cheuētayns · wᵗ charboklis four
A gay egle of gold · on a gilde appul
wᵗ grete dragoūs grym · alle ī gold wroȝte
& lyk to lyoūs alſo · lyande þᵉ vnder
Paled & paynted · þe paneloū was vmbe
stoked ful of ſtorijs · ſtrayned myd armys
of quaynte colorᵛ to know · kerneld a lofte
An hundred ſtōdyng on ſtage · in þᵗ ſtede one
Toured wᵗ torettes · was þe tente þanne
suþ britaged a boute · briȝt to byholde
Eer alle þe sege was sette · ȝit of þe cite comyn
Meſſengᵉes wer made · fᵘm maiſtres of þe lawe
To þe chef cheuētayn · þey choſen her wey
deden mekly by monþe · her meſſage attonys
sayen þe cite haþ ȝu sent · to serche ȝoᵛ wille
To here þe cause of ȝoᵛ comyng · ȝif ȝe concyte wolde
Waſpaſian no word · to þe wyes schewed
Bot sendeþ sondiſmē aȝen · xıȷ siker knyȝtes
ȝaf hē charge to go · & þe gomes telle
þᵗ alle þe cauſe of her coms · was cᵉſt forto venge
Sayþ y bidde hē be boū · biſcopes & oþᵉ
To morow or vndren of þe day · open heded alle
vp her ȝates to ȝelde · wᵗ ȝerdes an hande
Eche whiȝt ī a white scherte · & no wede ellys
jewyſe for jħu cᵉſt to take · by juggemēte to take
& make hē come þᵗ iħu cᵉſt · þroȝ cōſeil bytᵘyede
Or y to þe walles schal wende · & walten alle oūe
schall no ſton vpon ſton · ſtonde by y paſſe
þˢ sondiſmē sadly · to þe cite ȝede
þᵉ þe lordes of þe londe · lent weren alle
Tit tolden her tale · & wonder towe made
of cᵉſt & of cayphas · & how þey come scholde
& when þe knyȝtes of cᵉſt · carpyn bygoū
þe jewes token alle xıȷ · wᵗ out talke mor
her hondis boūden at her bak · wᵗ borden ſtanys
And of flocken her face · & her fair berdis
Mare hē naked as a nedel · to þe neþᵛ houe
Her viſages blecken wᵗ bleche · & al þe body aftᵉ
suþ knyt wᵗ gret corde · to eche knyȝtes swer
A cheſe & charged hē · her chyuētayn to ber
sayþ vn buxū we beþ · his biddyng to ȝete
Ne noȝt dreden hˢ dom · hˢ deþ haue we atled
He schal vs fynde ī þe felde · ne no ferr seke
To morowe pryme or hᵗ paſſe · & to ȝoᵛ pᵉnce telliþ
þe burnes buſken oᵗ of burwe · boūden alle twelf
Aȝen meſſage to make · fᵘm þe maiſtᵉ jewes
was neū waſpaſian ſo wroþe · as whan þe wyes come
þᵗ wer scorned & schende · vpon schame wyſe
þˢ knyȝtes byfor þe kyng · vpon knees fallen
& tolden þe tale · as hᵗ tid hadde
Of þy manace ne þy myȝt · þey make bot lyte
þ⁹ ben we toᵛned of our tyre · in tokne of þe soþe
& boūden for oᵛ bolde speche · þe batail þey willeḍ
To morowe pᵉme or hᵗ paſſe · þey put hᵗ no ferre
hᵗ schal be satled on þy self · þe same þᵗ þᵘ atleſt
þ⁹ han þey cᵉtifiet þe · & sende þe þˢ cheſes
wode wedande wroþ · waſpaſian was þāne
layde wecche to þe walle · & warned ī haſte

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þ^t alle man^e of mē · īn þe morowe scholde
Be sone aft^e þe sone · assembled ī þe felde
He ſtreyȝt vp a ſtandard · in a ſtour wyſe
Bild as a belfray · bretful of wepne
whā oȝt fayted in þe folke · p^t to þe feld longed
Atte þe belfray to be · botnyng to fynde
A dragoū was dressed · drawyn alofte
Wyde gapande of gold · gomes to swelwe
w^t arwes armed ī þe mouþe · & alſo he hadde
a ſanchyn vnd^v h^s feet · w^t four kene bladdys
þ^e of þe poyntes wer piȝt · in þtyis four
of þ^s wlonfulle worde · þ^e þei werr fondyn
In forbeſyn to þe folke · þ^s ſanchouns hengeþ
þ^t þey hadde wonnen w^t swerd · al þe world riche
a bal of brēnande gold · þe beſte was on sette
H^s tail t^uyled þ^e a boute · þ^t to^vne scholde he neſie
whā he was lifte vp cn lofte · þ^e þe lord werred
bot ay lokande on þe londe · tille þ^t al lauȝte wer
þ^e by þe cite myȝt se · no ſetlyng welde riſe
Ne no trete of no trewes · bot þe toū ȝelde
Or ride on þe romayns · for þey hau her rede take
þ^e britned to be · or þe toū wȳne
h^s wynges ſprad wer abrode · boū forto flee
w^t belles bordered a boute · al of briȝt ſelſie
Redy whan ouȝte rūnen · to rynge fal loude
w^t eche wynde of a wap · þ^t to þe wȳges sprongȳ
j brytaged aboute · þe belfray was þāne
w^t a tenfal tour · þ^t oū þe toū gawged
þe batail by þe briȝtneſſe · burnes myȝt knowe
four myle þ^e fro · so þe feldes schonen
& on eche pomel · wer pyȝt penſeles hyȝe
Of ſelke & sendel · w^t ſelſie ybetyn
h^t glitered as gled fur · ful of gold riche
Oū al þe cite to se · as þe sōne bemys
byfor þe four ȝates · he formes to lenge
Syxtene þouſand by sōme · while þe sege laſteþ
sette ward on þe walles · þ^t noȝt a wey scaped
sixe þouſand ī tercle · þe cite alle a boute
was noȝt while þe nyȝt laſte · bot nehȳg of ſtedis
strogelyng ī ſtele wede · & ſtuffyng of helmes
w^t armyng of olyfauntes · & oþ^e arwe beſtes
Aȝen þe c^eſten to come · w^t caſtels on bake
Waſpaſial ī ſtele wede · & h^s wyes alle
werē diȝt forþ by day · & drowen to þe vale
Of joſophat þ^e jhu c^eſt · shal juggen alle þīges
bigly batayled hȳ þ^e · to abide þ^s oþ^e
þe fanward titus toke · to telle vpon ferſte
w^t six þouſand sondiours affyned for þe nones
& mony ī þe myd ward · were m^eked to lenge
þ^e waſpaſian was · w^t p^nces & dukes
& sixtene þouſand ī þe þ^edde · w^t a þrynande knyȝt
Sir sabyn of surrie · a syker mā of armes
þ^t p^ence was of puynce · & michel peple ladde
fourty hūdred in helmes · & harnays to schewe
& ten þouſand atte tail · at þe tentis lafte
hors & harnays · fum harmyng to kepe
By þ^t bemys on þe burwe · blowen ful loude
& baners beden hē forþ · now bleſſe vs o^v lorde.
The jewes assembled wer sone · & of þe cite come
An haudred þouſand on hors · w^t hamberkes a tired
w^t out folke vpon fot · at þe four ȝates
þ^t p^eſet to þe place · w^t panyes on honde
fyf & twenti olyfaūtes · defensable beſtes
w^t brede caſtels on bak · o^t of burwe come
& on eche an olyfaūte · armed mē manye
ay an hūdred an hey · an hūdred w^t yn
þo drowen dromedari^9 doū · deuelich þicke
& hūdred þouſand & yheled · w^t harnays of mayle
eche beſte w^t a big to^v · þ^e bold mē wer ynne
Twenty told by tale · in eche to^v euene
Cameles cloſed ī ſtele · comē o^t þāne
ffaſte toward þe feld · a ferlich nonbr
Buſked to batail · & on bak hadde
Echon a toret of tre · w^t ten mē of armes
Chares ful of choſen · charged w^t wepne
A wonder nonbr þ^e was · who so wite lyſte
Many douȝte þ^t day · þ^t was a dradde neuer
wer fond fey ī þe feld · er þ^t fiȝt endid
An olyfaūt yarmed · came o^t at þe laſte
keuered myd a caſtel · was craftily ywroȝt
A tabernacle ī þe to^v · atyred was riche
Piȝt as a paneloū · on pileres of ſelſie
A which of white ſelſie · walynde þ^e yn
On four goions of gold · þ^t h^t f^um grounde bar
A cloſen chayr þ^e by · on charbokeles twelfe
Betyn al w^t barne gold · w^t brēnāde ſergis
þe chekes of þe chayr · wer chabokles fyue
Cou^eed myd a riche cloþe · þ^e cayphas was sette
A plate of pulſched gold · was piȝt on h^s breſte
w^t many p^ecioſe perle · & pured ſtones
lered mē of þe lawe · þ^t loude couþe ſynge
w^t sawters seten hȳ by · & þe pſalmys tolde
of douȝty đđ þe king · & oþ^e der ſtorijs
Of joſeph þe noble jewe & judas þe knyȝt
Cayphas of þe kyſt · kyppid a rolle
& radde how þe folke ran · þroȝ þe rerewarde
whan pharao & h^s ferde · wer in þe floode drouned
& myche of moyſes lawe · he mȳned þ^t tyme
whan þ^s faiþles folke · to þe feld comē
& batayled aft^e þe bent · w^t many a burne kene

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for banres · þ^t blaſed · & beſtes y armed
Myȝt no mā ſe þrow þe sonne · ne vneþ þe cite knowe
Waſpaſian dyuyſeþ · þe feld al a boute
þ^t was w^t baners oñ ſprad · to þe borwe wallis
To baroūs & bold mē · þ^t hȳ a boute wer
seiþ lordlynges a loude · leſtenyþ my speche
Her nys king noþ^e kynȝte · comen to þ^s place
Baroū ne burges · ne burne þ^t me folweþ
þ^t þe cauſe of h^s comes · nys c^eſt forto venge
Vpon þe faiþles folke · þat hȳ fayntly slowen
Byholdeþ þe heþyng · & þe harde woūdes
þe betȳg & þe byndȳg · þ^t þe body hadde
lat neuer þ^s lawles ledis · lauȝ at h^s harmys
þ^t bouȝt vs f^um bale · w^t blod of h^s h̄te
quycke clayme þe querels · of alle quyk burnes
& clayme of eñeche kyng · saue of c^est one
þ^t þ^s peple to pyne · no pite ne hadde
þ^t p^eueþ h^s paſſioū · who ſo þe paas redeþ
h^t nediþ noȝt at þ^s note · of nero to mynde
Ne to trete of no trewe · for t^ebute þ^t he aſkeþ
þ^t querel y quik cleyme · for oþ^e he ne wilneþ
of þ^s rebel to rome · bot reſoū to haue
Bot more þīg ī o^v mȳde · aryueþ to day
þ^t by reſoū to rome · þe regnance fallyþ
Boþe þe myȝt & þe mayn · mayſt^e or ellys
& lord suþ of eche londe · þ^t liþe vnder heuē
lat neñ þ^s faiþles folke · w^t fiȝt vs wȳne
hors ne harnays · bot þey h^t hart byen
plate ne peſan · ne pendauntes ende
while any lyme may laſte · or we þe lif haue
for þei bē feyn at þe fiȝt · falſ of byleue
& wel weñe at a wap · alle þey wold quelle
Noþ^e g^ounded on god · ne on no g^uace t^eſten
Bot alle ī ſtorijs of ſtour · & ī ſtrengþ one
& we ben diȝt to day · driȝten to s^eue
hey heuē kyng · hede to h^s owne
þe ledes louten hȳ alle · & a loude sayde
to day þ^t fleþe any fote · þe fende haue h^s soule
bemes blowen anō · blonkes to neȝe
stedis ſtampen ī þe felde · ſtif ſteil vnder
stiþ mē ī ſtiropys · ſtriden alofte
Knyȝtes croyſen hē self · cacchen her helmys
w^t loude clarioū cry · & alle kyn pypys
tymbris · & tabo^vris · tonelande loude
ȝeuen a schillande ſchout · schrynken þe jewes
as wūmā schal ī a swem · whā hir þe wat^e neȝeþ
lacchen launces anō · lepyn to gedris
as fur o^t of flynt ſton · ferde hē bytwene
douſt drof vpon lofte · dymedyn alle a boute
as þonder & þicke rayn · þrowolande ī ſkyes
beren burnes þrow · broſten launces
knyȝtes croſſchen doū · to þe cold erþe
ffooȝt faſte in þe felde · & ay þe fals vnder
doū swowande to swelt · w^t o^t swar more
Tytus to^vneþ hȳ · to tolles of þe beſtes
for juſtes þe joliefte · w^t joyned of werr
suþ w^t a briȝt bronde · he betiþ on harde
Tille þe brayn & þe blod · on þe bent ornen
souȝt þroȝ an oþ^e side · w^t a sore wepne
bet on þe broū ſtele · while þe bladde laſte
an hey breydeþ þe brond · & as a bore lokeþ
how hetterly doū · hente who so wolde
alle briȝtned þe bent · as bemys of sōne
of þe gilden ger · & þe goode ſtones
ffor schyueryng of shendes · & schynyng of helmes
h^t ferde as alle þe f^emament · vp on a fur wer
waſpaſian in þe vale · þe fanward byholdeþ
how þe heþyn her · heldeþ to g^ounde
Cam w^t a fair ferde · þe fals mē to mete
as grened griffoūs · girden in samen
spakly her ſpes · on sprotes þey ȝeden
scheldes at ſchidwod · on scheldres to clenen
schoken o^t of scheþes · þ^t scharpe was ygroūden
& mallen metal · þroȝ vn mylt hertes
hewen on þe heþen · hurtlen to gedr
ffor schorne gild ſchrond · schedered burnee
Baches woxen a blode · a boute in þe vale
& gontes f^um golde wede · as goteres þey rūne
sir sabyn ſetteþ hȳ vp · whan h^t so ȝede
Rideþ myd þe rereward · & alle þe route folweþ
kenely þe caſtels · came to aſſayle
þ^t þe beſtes on her bake · o^t of burwe ladden
Atles on þe olyfauntes · þ^t orible wer
Girdiþ o^t þe guttes · w^t g^ounden ſpes
Rappis riſpen forþ · þ^t redles an hundred
Scholde be buſy to burie · p^t on a bent lafte
caſtels clateren doū · þe cameles broſten
dromedaries to þe deþ · drowen ful ſwyþe
þe blode fomed hē fro · in þe flaſches a boute
þe kne depe in þe dale · daſcheden ſtedes
þe burnes ī þe bretages · þ^t a boue wer
for þe douſt & þe dyn · as alle doū ȝede
Al for ſtoppette in ſtele · ſterte blyndc wexen
whan hurdiȝs & hard erþe · hurtled to gedr
& vnder dromedaries · doū diȝten hē sone
was nō left vpon lyue · þ^t a lofte ſtandeþ
saue o lepy olyfaunt · at þe grete ȝate
þ^e as cayphas þe clerke · in caſtell rideþ
he say þe wrake on hē wende · & a way to^vneþ
w^t twelf mayſtres made · of moyſes lawe

an hundred helmed mē · hien hem aftᵉ
Er þey of caſtel myȝt come · cauȝten hē alle
bounden þe biſchup · on bycchyd wyſe
þᵗ þe blode oᵗ barſt · eche baȝd vnder
& broȝten þe biſchup · & alle hˢ bew clerkes
þᵉ þe ſtandard ſtode · & ſtadded hē þᵉ
þe beſte & þe britage · & alle þe briȝt ger
chair & chaundelers · & charbokel ſtones
þe rolles þᵗ þey redden . & alle þe riche bokes
þey broȝte myd þe biſchup · þᵘ hym bale þouȝte
A nū þe feyþles folke · fayleden herte
Toᵛned toward þe toū · & tytus hem aftᵉ
ffele of þe fals ferde · in þe felde lefte
An hundred in her helmes · myd hˢ honde one
þe falſ jewes in þe felde · fallen so þicke
As hail froward heuē · hepe oū oþᵉ
so was þe bent oū . brad blody byrūne
wᵗ ded bodies a boute · alle þe brod vale
Myȝt no ſtede doū ſtap · bot · bot on ſtele wede
Or on burne oþᵉ on beſte or on men · or on briȝt scheldes
so myche was þe m̄ltitude · þᵗ on þe molde lafte
þᵉ so many wer martred · m̊euail wer ellis
ȝit wer þe romayns as reſt · as þey fᵘm rome come
Rōnen oū eche a renk · & nozt a ryng broſten
Was no poynt ꝑſchid · of alle her ꝑs armur
to cᵉſt hˢ knyȝtes gan kepe · tille cōplyn tyme
An hundred þouſand helmes · of þe heþen syde
wer fey fallen in þe felde · or þe fiȝt ended
saue seuē þouſand of þe sōme · þᵗ to þe cite flowen
& wȳmē wᵗ mychel wo · þe walles wᵗ ynne
ledes lepen to a nū · lonk þe ȝates
Barrē hē bigly · wᵗ bolces of yren
brayden vp brigges · wᵗ bronden chaynes
& portecolis wᵗ pile · picchen to gᵒunde
þey wȳnen vp whyȝtly · þe walles to kepe
ffraſche vnfounded folke · & gʳte defence made
Tyeþ in to toᵛres · tonnes ful manye
wᵗ grete ſtones of gret · & of gray marble
kepten kenly wᵗ caſte . þe kernels a lofte
Quarten querels out · wᵗ quarters attonys
þᵗ oþᵉ folke at þe fote · freſchly aſſayled
Tille eche dale wᵗ dewe · was donked aboute
wᵗ drowen hē fro þe diche · dukes & oþᵉ
þe caſte was so kene · þᵗ come fᵘm þe walles
comē forþe wᵗ þe kyng · clene as þey ȝede
woūded nozt o wye · ne nū þᵗ wem hadde
pᵉnces to her panelouſ · paſſen on swyþe
vnarmē hē as tyt · & alle þe nyȝt reſten
wᵗ wacche vmbe þe walles · to many wyes sorowe
þey wolle nozt þe heþen her · so harmeles be lafte
sone as þe rede day · roſen þe schye
bemes blowen anū · burnes to aryſe
þe kyng comaūdeþ a cry · þᵗ comſed was sone
þe ded bodies on þe bonke · bar forto make
To ſpoyle þe spilt folke · ſpar scholde none
Geten girdeles & ger · gold & goode ſtones
Byes broches · beſauntes riche
helmes hewen of gold · hamberkes manye
keſten ded vpon ded · was deil to byholde
made wide weyes · & to þe walles comen
aſſembleden at þe cite · sant to bygȳne
ffolke ferlich þycke · at þe four ȝates
þey broȝten toures of tre · þᵗ þey taken hadde
a ȝen eūeche ȝate · ȝarken hem hey
bygōnnē at þe grettiſt · a garrite to rer
Groded vp fro þe gᵒunde · on xij grete poſtes
he was wonderlich wide · wroȝt vpon hyȝte
ffyue hundred in frounte · to fiȝten at þe walles
hardy mē vp on haſte · hyen at þe grecys
& bygōnnen wᵗ bir · þe borow to aſſayle
Quarels flambande of fur · flowen out harde
& arwes arwely · wᵗ attyr envenymyd
Tayſen at þe toures · tachen on þe jewes
þreȝ kernels cacchen her deþ · many kene burnes
brenten & beten doū · þᵗ bilde was wel þycke
broſten þe britages · & þe brode toures
By þᵗ was many bold burne · þe burwe to aſſayle
þe hole batail boū · a boute þe brode walles
þᵗ wer byg & brode · & bycchet to wȳne
wonder hey to byholde · wᵗ holwe diches vnder
heye bonked a bone · vpon boþe sydes
Riȝt wicked to wȳne · bot ȝif wyles helpe
Bowmē atte bonke · benden her ger
schoten vp scharply · to þe schene walles
wᵗ arwes & arblaſtes · & alle þᵗ harme myȝt
To affray þe folke · þᵗ defence made
þe jewes werien þe walles · wᵗ wyles ynowe
hote blowande picche · a monge þe peple ȝeten
Brēnen leed & brynſton · barels fulle
schoten schynande doū · riȝt as schyr watᵉ
Waſpaſian wendeþ fᵘm þe walles · wariande hē alle
oþᵉ buſked wer boū · benden engynes
keſten at þe kernels · cluſtred toures
& monye der daies worke · dongen to gᵒunde
By þᵗ wriȝtes han wroȝt · a wonder ſtronge pale
Alle aboute þe burwe · wᵗ baſtiles manye
þᵗ no segge vnder sōne · myȝt fᵘm þe cite paſſe
suþ dōmyn þe diches · wᵗ þe ded corſes
crāmē hᵗ myd karayn · þe kirnels vnder
þᵗ þe ſtynk of þe ſteem . myȝt ſtrike oū þe walles

To coþe þe corſed folke · þ^{t} hē kepe scholde
The cors of þe condit · þ^{t} comē to toū
ſtoppen eñeche a ſtreem · þ^{e} any ſtrem ȝede
w^{t} ſtockes & ſtones · & ſtynkande beſtes
þ^{t} þey no wat^{e} myȝt wȳne · þ^{t} werē encloſed
Waſpaſian to^{v}neþ to his tente · w^{t} tit^{9} & oþ^{e}
cōmaūdeþ cōſail anō · on cayphas to sitte
w^{t} deþ by dome · þ^{t} he dey scholde
w^{t} þe lettered ledes · þ^{t} þey lauȝte hadde
Domes mē vpon deþes · demeden swyþe
þ^{t} ech freke wer quyk fleyn · þe felles of clene
þē to be on a bent · w^{t} blonkes to drawe
and suþ honget on a hep · vpon heye galwes
þe feet to þe f^{e}mament · alle folke to byholden
w^{t} hony vpon ech side · þe hydeles anoynted
corres & cattes · w^{t} claures · ful scharpe
ffour kagges & knyt · to Cayphases þeyes
Twey apys at h^{s} armes · to angren hȳ mor
þ^{t} renten þe rawe fleſche · vpon rede peces
so was he pyned f^{u}m p^{e}me · w^{t} þſched sides
Tille þe sōne doū souȝt · in sōmere tyme
þe lered mē of þe lawe · a litel bynyþe
weren to^{v}mented on a tre · topſail walten
knyt to eñech clerke · kene corres twey
þ^{t} alle þe cite myȝt se · þe sorow þ^{t} þey dryuē
þe jewes walten oū þe walles · for wo at þ^{t} tyme
seuē hundred slow hē self · for sorow of her clerkes
sōme hent her heer · & f^{u}m þe hed pulled
& sōme for deil · daſchande to g^{o}unde
þe kyng lete drawen hē a doū · whan þey dede wer
bade a bole fur betyn · to brēnen þe corſes
keſten cayphas þ^{e}yn · & h^{s} clerkes twelf
& brēten eñeche bon · ī to þe browne aſkes
suþ went to þe walle · on þe wynde syde
& alle a brod on þe burwe · blewen þe powder
þ^{e} is douſt for ȝo^{v} drynke · a doū to hē crieþ
& bade hē bible of þ^{t} broþ · for þe biſchopes soule
þ^{9} ended co^{v}ſed cayphas · & h^{s} clerkes alle
alto bruſed myd beſtes · brent at þe laſte
In tokne of treſoū · & trey p^{t} he wroȝt
whan c^{e}ſt þrow h^{s} 9ſeil · was cacched to deþ
By þ^{t} was þe day don · dymned þe skyes
Merked mōtayns · & mores a boute
foules fallen to fote · & her feþres ruſken
þe nyȝt wacche to þe walles · & waytes to blowe
bryȝt fures a boute betyn · a brode ī þe oſte
þe kyng & h^{s} cōſail · carpen to gedr
choſen chyuēntayns out · & chiden no mor
Bot charged þe chek wecche · & to chambr wēten
kynges & knyȝtes · to cacchen hē reſte

Waſpaſian lyþ in his logge · litel he slepiþ
Bot walwyþ & wyndiþ · & waltreþ a boute
ofte to^{v}neþ for tene · & on þe toū þynkeþ
whan schadewes & ſchir day · scheden attwȳne
leuerockes vpon lofte · lyfteneþ her ſteuenes
burnes buſken hē o^{t} of bedde · w^{t} bemes loude
Boþe blowyng on bent · & on þe burwe walles
Waſpaſian bonnys of bedde · buſked hȳ fayr
f^{u}m þe fote to þe fourche · in fyne gold cloþes
suþ putteþ þe p^{e}nce · oū h^{s} pale wedes
a brynye browded þicke · w^{t} a breſt plate
Grayþed of g^{u}y ſteel · & of gold riche
þ^{e} ouer he caſteþ a cote · colo^{v} of h^{s} armys
a grete girdel of gold · w^{t} out ger oþer
layþ vmbe h^{s} lendis · w^{t} lacchetes ynow
Abryȝt burneſch swerd · he belteþ alofte
of pur purged gold · þe pomel & þe hulte
A brod schynande scheld · on ſcholdir he hongiþ
bocklyd myd briȝt gold · aboue at þe necke
þe glowes of g^{u}y ſteel · þ^{t} wer w^{t} gold hemyd
hanley harnays · & h^{s} hors aſkeþ
þe gold hewen helme · haſpeþ he blyue
w^{t} viſer & w^{t} a vental · deuyſed for þe nones
a croune of clene gold · was cloſed vpon lofte
Rybānde vmbe þe rounde helm · ful of riche ſtones
pyȝt prudely w^{t} þles · in to þe pur corners
& so w^{t} saphyres sett · þe sydes a boute
He ſtrideþ on a ſtiſ ſtede · & ſt^{e}keþ oū þe bente
liȝt as a lyoū · wer louſed o^{t} of cheyne
h^{s} segges sewen hȳ alle · & ech on ſayþe to oþ^{e}
þ^{s} is a comlich kyng · knyȝtes to lede
he boweþ to þe barres · or he bide wolde
betynge on w^{t} þe brond · on þe bras rynges
comeþ caytifes forþ · ȝe þ^{t} c^{e}ſt slowen
knoweþ hȳ for ȝo^{v} kyng · or ȝe cacche mor
wayteþ doū fro þe walle · what wo h^{s} on hande
May ȝe fecche ȝon no fode · þoȝ ȝe fey worþe
& þoȝȝe wat^{e}les wede · wȳne ȝe noȝt o droppe
þoȝ ȝe deþ scholde dey · daies in ȝo^{v} lyue
þe pale þ^{t} j. piȝt haue · paſſe h^{t} who myȝt
þ^{t} is so byg on þe bonke · & haþ þe burowe cloſed
ffourty to fyȝten · aȝens fyue hundred
þoȝ ȝe wer etnes ecchon · in scholde we wende
& more māſchyp wer h^{t} · ȝit m^{e}cy to by ſeche
þā metles marr · þer no myȝt helpyþ
was nō þ^{t} warpiþ a word · bot waytes her poyntes
ȝif ſtertis on ſtay · w^{t} ſtones hē to kylle
þan wooþ as a wode bore · he wendeþ h^{s} bridul
ȝif ȝe as dogges wol dey · þe deuel haue þ^{t} recche
& or j wende fro þ^{s} walle · ȝe schul wordes schewe

& efte spakloker speke · or y· ȝo^{v} speche owene
by þ^{t} a jewe joſophus · þe gentyl clerke
hadde wroȝt a wonder wyle · whan hē wat^{e} fayled
Made wedes of wolle · in wete forto plunge
wat^{e} waſchen as þey wer · & on þe walle hengen
þe wedes dropeden · doū deyed ȝerne
Rich riſes hē frū · þe romayns byholden
wenden wel her wedes · hadde waſſchyng so ryne
þ^{t} no wye in þe wone · wat^{e} schold fayle
Waſpaſian þe wile · wel ynow knewe
Loude he lawȝþe þ^{e} at · & lordlynges byddis
No burne abaſched be · þoȝ þey þ^{s} boſt make
h^{t} beþ bot wyles of werr · for wat^{e} hē fayleþ
þā was no þyng · bot a newe note to bygȳne
aſſaylen on eche a side · þe cite by halues
Merken myd mangloūs · ful vn mete dyntes
& myche of maſoūs note · þey marden þ^{t} tyme
þ^{e} of was joſophus war · þ^{t} myche of werr couþe
& sette on þe walle ſide · sakkes myd chaf
Aȝens þe ſtrengþe of þe ſtroke · þ^{e} þe ſtones hytte
þat alle dered noȝt a dyȝs · bot grete dyt made
þe romayns rūne to a nū · & on roddes knytte
Siþes for þe ſackes · þ^{t} selly wer kene
Raȝten to þe ropis · rent hem in ſonder
þ^{t} alle daſſchande doū · in to þe diche flatten
bot joſophus þe gynful · her engynes alle
brenten w^{t} brēnande oyle · & myche bale wroȝt
Waſpaſian woūded was þ^{e} · wonderlich sore
þorow þe hard of þe hele · w^{t} an hande darte
þ^{t} boot þrow þe bote · & þe bone nayled
of þe frytted fote · in þe folis syde
Sone aſſembled hȳ to · many sadde hundred
þ^{t} wolden wrecken þe woūde · oþ^{e} wo habben
þey bowyn to þe barres · bekered ȝerne
Fouȝt riȝt felly · foyned w^{t} spes
jolken jewes þroȝ engynes by þāne
wer manye bent at þe bonke · & to þe burwe þrewen
þ^{e} wer ſelcouþes sen · as segges mowe here
A burne w^{t} a balwe ſton · was þe brayn clone
þe grett^{e} peſe of þe pāne · þe pyble forþ ſtrikeþ
þ^{t} h^{t} flow ī to þe feld · a for long or more
a wōmā boūden w^{t} a barn · was on þe body hytte
w^{t} þe ſton on a ſtaf · as þe ſtoryj telleþ
þ^{t} þe barn o^{t} brayde · fū þe body clene
& was born vp as a bal · oū þe burwe walles
burnes wer brayned · & broſed to deþ
wȳmē wide open · walte vnder ſtones
frosletes fro þe ferſt · to þe flor þrylled
& many toret doū tilte · þe tēple a boute
þe cite had ben ſeiſed · myd sant at þ^{t} tyme
Nad þe folke so fers · þ^{t} þe fende s^{e}ued
þ^{t} kilden on þe c^{e}ſten · & keptē þe walles
w^{t} arwes & arblaſtes · & archers manye
w^{t} spes & spryngold · spōnen o^{t} hard
Dryuē dartes a doū · ȝeuen depe woūdes
þ^{t} manye renke o^{t} of rome · reſte of þ^{t} sȳne
was mychel leuer a leche · þā layke myd h^{s} ton
Waſpaſian ſtynteþ of þe ſtour · ſtewes h^{s} burnes
þ^{t} wer for beten & bled · vnder bryȝt yren
Tyen to her tentis · myd tene þ^{t} þey hadde
al wery of þ^{t} werk · & woūded ful sore
helmes & hamberkes · hadden of sone
leches by torche liȝt · loken her hurtes
waſchen woūdes w^{t} wyn · & w^{t} wolle ſtoppen
w^{t} oyle & oriſoū · ordeyned in charme
suþ eñeche a segge · to þe soper ȝede
þoȝ þey woūded wer · was no wo nempned
Bot daunſyng & no deil · w^{t} dȳnyng of pipis
& þe nakerer noyſe · alle þe nyȝt tyme
whan þe derk was doū · & þe day spryngen
sone aft^{e} þe sūne sēbled þe grete
comē forþ w^{t} þe kyng · cōſeil to her
Alle þe knyȝthod clene · þ^{t} for c^{e}ſt werred
Waſpaſian waiteþ a wide · h^{s} wyes byholdeþ
þ^{t} wer freſcher to fiȝt · þā at þe furſt tyme
p^{u}yeþ p^{e}nces on erneſt · & alle þe peple aft^{e}
þ^{t} eche wye of þ^{t} werr · schold h^{s} wille specke
for or þ^{s} toū be take · & þ^{s} toures heye
Michel torſom & tene · vs tides on hande
þey to^{v}ned alle to tit^{9} · & hȳ þe tale scheweþ
of þe cite & þe sege · to seyn for hē alle
þā tit^{9} to^{v}neþ hē to · & talkyng bygȳneþ
þ^{9} to layke w^{t} þ^{s} leſne · vs lympis þe worſe
for þey ben fele of defence · ferce mē & noble
& þ^{s} toured toū · is tenful to wȳne
þe worſt wrecche ī þe wone · may on walle lygge
ſt^{e}ke doū w^{t} a ſton · & ſtuny many knyȝtes
whā we schul houe & byholde · & litel harme wirche
& ay þe loþe of þe layk · ſhall liȝt on vs selue
Now mowe þey ferke no ferr · her fode forto wȳne
wolde we ſtynt of o^{v} ſtrif · whyle þey her ſtor maden
We scholde w^{t} hē honte · to hoke o^{t} of toū
For þ^{e} as fayleþ þe fode · þ^{e} is feynt ſtrengþe
& þ^{e} as hūger is hote · ñtes ben feble
Alle aſſenteden to þe sawe · þ^{t} to þe cite longed
a paied as þe p^{e}nce · & þe peple wolde
To þe kyng wer called · cōſtables þāne
Marchals maſer mē · þ^{t} he to t^{e}ſtiþ
He chargeþ hē cherſly · for chaūce þ^{t} may falle
w^{t} wacche of waled mē · þe walles to kepe

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for we wol hũten at þe hart · þ^{s} heþes aboute
& hur racches rẽne · a monge þ^{s} rowe bonkes
Ride to þe reꝺ̃ · & rer vp þe foules
se faucoũs fle · fele of þe beſte
Ech segge to þe solas · þ^{t} hȳ self lyked
p^{e}nces o^{t} of panelo͠us · p^{e}ſen on ſtedes
Tornen trifflyn · & on þe þe to͠u̇ wayten
þ^{s} lyf þey ledde longe · & god ȝyue vs g^{u}ce.

In Rome Nero haþ now · mychel noye wroȝt
To deþ pyned þe pope · & mychel peple quelled
petr apoſtlen p^{e}nce · & seint poule
seneka & þe senato^{v}s · & alle þe cite fured
h^{s} modir & h^{s} myde wif · murdred to deþe
Combred c^{e}ſten fele · þ^{t} on c^{e}ſt leued
þe romayns reſen a nũ · whã þey þ^{9} rewþe seyen
To quelle þe empo^{v} quyk · þ^{t} hẽ vnquemed hadde
þey p^{e}ffed to h^{s} paleys · porayle & oþ^{e}
To brenten þe bold kyng · in h^{s} burwe riche
þe cite & þe senato^{v}s · affented hẽ boþe
Non oþ^{e} dede was to dõn · þey hau his dome ȝolden
þan flowe þ^{t} freke · frendles a lone
out at apere poſterne · & alle þe peple ſolwed
w^{t} a tronchoũ of tre · toke he no more
Of alle þe glowande gold · þ^{t} he on g^{o}unde hadde
On þ^{t} tronchoũ w^{t} h^{s} teþ · he toggeþ & byteþ
Tille h^{t} was piked at þe poynt · as apokes ende
þã a bideþ þ^{t} burne · & bit^{e}lych spekeþ
to alle þe wyes þ^{t} þ^{e} wer · wordes a loude
To^{v}neþ tuyto^{v}s aȝen · schal neꝺ̃ þe tale riſe
Of no karl by þe coppe · how he h^{s} kyng quelde
hȳ ſelf he ſtrykeþ myd þ^{t} ſtaf · ſtreȝt to þe hert
þ^{t} þe colke to clef · & þe kyng dyed
six monþe aft^{e} & no mor · þ^{s} myſchef bytydde
þ^{t} Waſpaſian was went · to werry on þe jewes
four mettyn myle o^{t} of rome · to mynde for eũe
þ^{t} erſt was empo^{v} of alle · þ^{9} ended in sorow
þe grete to gedres þã · choſſem hẽ an oþ^{e}
On Gabba a gome · þ^{t} mychel grem hadde
þroȝ Othis lyons a lord · þ^{t} hȳ longe hated
& at þe laſt þ^{t} lord · out of lyf hȳ broȝt
Amydde þe market of rome · þe mette to gedres
þ Othis falliþ hȳ fey · ȝaf hȳ fale woũdis
þ^{t} four monþes & mor · hadde mayntened þe croune
& þo deyed þe duke · & þe diademe lefte
& whã þ^{t} gabba was gon · & to g^{o}unde broȝt
Othis entriþ on erneſt · & empo^{v} was made
þe mã ĩ h^{s} maieſte · was monþes bot þre
þã he ȝeldeþ sathanas þe soule · & hȳ self quelled
þe romayns riſen vp a renk · rome for to kepe
A knyȝt þ^{t} vitel was calde · & hȳ þe croune rauȝte
Bot for sir sabyns sake · a segge was noble
Waſpaſian broþ^{e} of blode · þ^{t} he brytned hadde
Waſpaſian vpon vitel · to vengen h^{s} broþ^{e}
souȝt o^{t} of surrie · segges to rome
þ^{t} is naked as an nedul · þe newe empo^{v}
for sir sabyns sake . alle þe cite drowe hym
suþ gored þe gome · þ^{t} h^{s} guttes alle
As a bowewed beſte · ĩ to h^{s} breche felle
Do͠u̇ ȝernande he ȝede · & ȝeldeþ þe soule
& kayȝt þe cors & kaſt ĩ to in tybre
seuen monþes þ^{s} mã · hadde septre on hande
& þ^{9} loſte he þe lyf · for h^{s} luþ^{e} dedes
An oþ^{e} was to seke · þ^{t} septre schold haue
for alle þ^{s} grete bẽ gon · & neꝺ̃ a gayn to^{v}nen
Now of þe cite & of þe sege · wolle y sey mor
How þ^{s} comelich kyng · þ^{t} for c^{e}ſt werreþ
Haþ holden yn þe heþen mẽ · þ^{s} oþ^{e} half wynt^{e}
þ^{t} neꝺ̃ burne was so bold · þe burwe for to paſſe
As he to dyñ on a day · w^{t} dukes was sette
comẽ renkes f^{u}m rome · rapande swyþe
jn bruneys & in bryȝt wede · w^{t} bodeworde nẽwe
lonten alle to þe lord · ſres hym rauȝten
sayn comelich kyng · þe knyȝthod of rome
þreȝ þe senato^{v}s affent · & alle þe cite ellis
Hau choſen þe her chyuẽtayn · her chef lord to worþe
and riche empo^{v} of rome · þ^{9} redeþ þ^{s} ſres
þe lord vnlappeþ þe lef · þ^{s} ſres byholdeþ
oꝺ̃ lokeþ ech a lyne · to þe laſt ende
Bordes born wer do͠u̇ · & þe burne riſeþ
calleþ cõſail a nũ · & kyþeþ þ^{s} ſpeche
ȝe ben burnes of my blod · þ^{t} y best wolde
My sone is next to my self · & oþ^{e} sib manye
sir sabyn of surrie · a seggeþ^{t} y t^{e}ſte
& oþ^{e} ſrendes fele · þ^{t} me fayþ owen
Now is me bodeword of blys · broȝt froward rome
To be lord oꝺ̃ þ^{t} lond · as þ^{s} ſres spekeþ
sir sabyn of surrie · sey þe by honyþ
How y myȝt sauy my self · & j so wroȝt
ffor y haue heylych heyȝt · her forto lenge
Tille y þs toured do͠u̇ · hau taken at wille
& me þe ȝates ben ȝet · & ȝolden þe keyes
& suþ houſhed on hem þ^{t} þis hold kepyn
broſten & beten do͠u̇ · þ^{s} britages heye
þ^{t} neꝺ̃ ſton ĩ þ^{t} ſtede · ſtond vpon oþer
kyþe þe cõſail sir knyȝt · þ^{s} kyng to hȳ sayde
for ywol worche by þy witt · ȝif worſchip may folowe
þã seiþ sir sabyn a nũ · semelich lord
we ben wyes þe w^{t} · þy worſchup so furþ^{e}
of longe tyme bylafte · & ledes þȳ owen
þ^{t} we dõn is þy dede · may no mã demẽ elles

þe dom demed was þ^{e} · who so doþ by an oþ^{e}
schal be ſoferayn hȳ self · seint in þe werke
for as fers is þe freke · atte ferr ende
þ^{t} oſte fleis þe fel · as he þ^{t} foot holdeþ
By take tyt^{9} þy sone · þ^{s} toū forto kepe
& to þe douȝty duke · domyſſian h^{s} broþ^{e}
her j holde vp mȳ honde · myd hē forto lenge
w^{t} alle þe here þ^{t} j haue · while my herte laſteþ
& þ^{u} schalt ride to rome · & receyue þe croune
jn hono^{v} empo^{v} to be · as þȳ cure schapiþ
so may þy couenaūt be kept · þ^{t} þ^{u} to c^{e}ſt made
þy self deſt þ^{t} þy sondio^{v}s · by þȳ aſſent worchen
þā w^{t} alioūs lote · he lifte vp þe eyen
To titus to^{v}neþ a nū · & hȳ þe tale schewed
& as sir sabyn hadde seid · he hȳ sone g^{u}unteþ
w^{t} h^{s} broþ^{e} & þe burne · as he hȳ bleſſe wolde
& j wol tarie at þ^{s} toū · til j h^{t} taken haue
Made weys þrow · for wenes & cartes
Our boþ^{e}e heſte to holde · ȝif me þe happis tydiþ
Or her be to hewen · or j hēnes paſſe
A boke on abrode scheld · was broȝt on to swer
alle burnes boden þe honde · & baroūs h^{t} kyſſen
To be leel to þ^{t} lord · p^{t} hē lede scholde
sir tit^{9} þe trewe kyng · tille þey þe toū hadde
fayn as þe foul of day · was þe freke þāne
kyſſeþ knyȝtes a nū · w^{t} carful wordes
My wele & my worſchup · ȝe weldeþ to kepe
for þe treſo^{v} of my treuþ · vpon þ^{s} toū hengyþ
I nold þ^{s} toū wer vn take · ne þ^{s} toures heye
for alle þe glowande golde · vpon g^{o}unde riche
be no ſton ī þe ſtede · ſtonden a lofte
Bot alle oū to^{v}ned · & tilt tēple & oþ^{e}
þus laccheþ h^{s} leeue · at h^{s} ledes alle
wende wepande a way · & on þe walles lokeþ
p^{u}ieþ as he gooþ · hem grace to sende
To hold þ^{t} þey byhet hau · & neū her ħte chaūge
Now is Waſpaſian went · oū wale ſtremys
Euen entred in to rome · & empo^{v} maked
& tit^{9} for þe tydyng · hau take mychel joye
þ^{t} in h^{s} synwys ſoudeynly · a sykneſſe is fallen
þe freke for þe fayndom · of þe fader blyſſe
w^{t} a cramp & a colde · cauȝt was so hard
þ^{t} þe fyngres & feet · fuſtes & joyntes
was lyþy as a leke · & loſt hau her ſtrengþe
ben croked aȝens kynde · & as a crepel woxen
& whā þey sey hȳ so · many segge wepyþ
þey wende to þe cite · & ſouȝten a leche
þ^{t} couþ keūe þe kyng · & condis delyueryn
whan þey þe cyte hadde souȝt · w^{t} seggys a boute
fynde couþe þey no mā · þ^{t} on þe feet couþe
saue þe self josophus · þ^{t} surgyan was noble
& he graunted to go · w^{t} a goode wylle
whan he was comē to þe kyng · & þe cauſe wyſte
how þe segge ſo ſodeynly · in ſykneſſe is fallen
Tille he haue complet h^{s} cure · condit he aſkeþ
for what burne of þe burwe · þ^{t} he brynge wolde
þe kyng was glad alle to graunte · þ^{t} þe gome wylued
& he ferkiþ hȳ forþ · fettes ful blyue
A mā to þe mody kyng · þ^{t} he moſte hated
& yn bryngeþ þe burne · to h^{s} beddes syde
whan tytus saw þ^{t} segge · sodeynly w^{t} eyen
h^{s} herte in an hote yre · so hetterly riſeþ
þ^{t} þe blode bygan to spred · a brode in þe vaynes
& þe synwes reſorte · in her self kynde
ffeet & alle þe fetoures · as þey byforę wer
comȳ ī her owen kynd · & þe kynge ryſeþ
þonkeþ god of h^{s} g^{u}ce · & þe goode leche
Of alle saue þ^{t} h^{s} enemy · was yn on hȳ broȝt
þan sayþ joſophus · þ^{s} segge haþ þe holpyn
& her haþ be þy bote · þoȝ þ^{u} hȳ bale wolde
þ^{e}for g^{u}unte hȳ þy g^{u}ce · aȝen h^{s} goode dede
& be frende w^{t} þy fomā · þ^{t} ſrendſchup haþ s^{e}ued
þe kyng ſatles w^{t} þe segge · þ^{t} hȳ saued hadde
& þ^{e} graūted hȳ g^{u}ce · to go wher he wolde
w^{t} joſophus he made joye · & jewels hȳ rauȝte
beſauntes byes of gold · broches & ryngys
Bot alle for ſakeþ þe segge · & to þe cite ȝede
w^{t} condit as he come · he kepiþ no more
Now tytus segyþ þe toū · þ^{e} tene is on hande
for hard hung^{e} & hote · þ^{t} hē is bylompyn
& of þe tene ī þe toū · wer hard for to telle
what moryne & meſchef · for mete is byfalle
for four dayes byfor · þey no fode hadde
Noþ^{e} fiſch nor fleſch · freke on to byte
bred browet ne broþe · ne beſte vpon lyue
Wyn ne wat^{e} to drynke · bot wope of hē self
Olde scheldes & schone · scharply þey eten
þ^{t} liſlode for ladies · was luþ^{e} to schewe
fellen doū for defaute · platte to þe g^{o}unde
Ded as a dore nayl · eche day many hundred
Wo wakned þycke · as wolues þey ferde
The wye waried on þe woke · alle h^{s} wombe fille
On marie a myld wyf · for meſchefe of foode
Hir owen barn þ^{t} ȝo bar · ȝo brad on þe gledis
Roſtyþ rigge & rib · w^{t} rewful wordes
sayþ sone vpon eche side · o^{v} sorow is a lofte
batail a boute þe borwe · o^{v} bodies to quelle
w^{t} yn hung^{e} so hote · þ^{t} nez o^{v} ħte breſtyþ
þ^{e}for ȝeld þ^{t} j þe ȝaf · & aȝen to^{v}ne
& entr þ^{e} þ^{u} cam out · & etyþ a schoulder

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